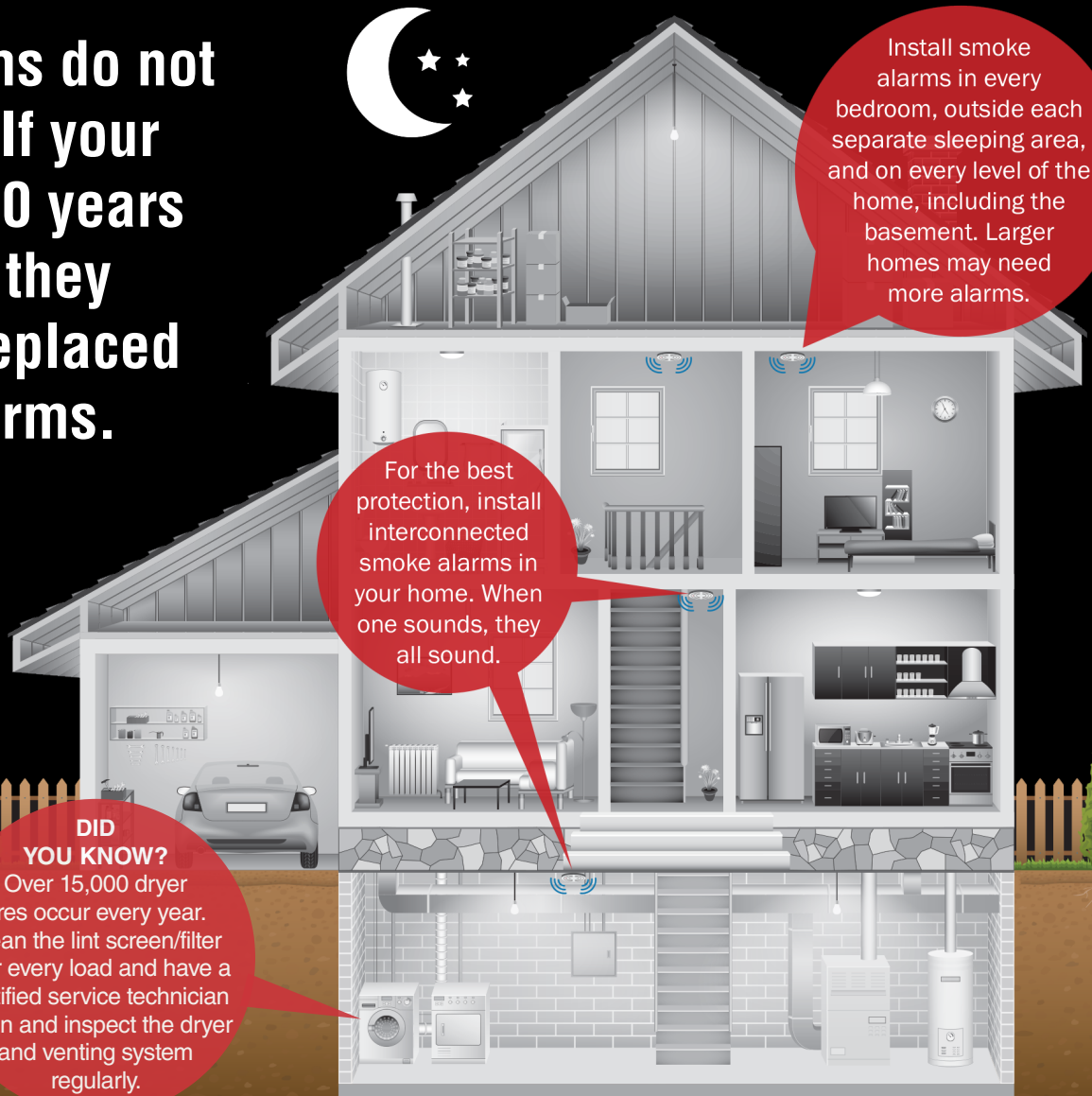


SMOKE ALARMS MUST BE REPLACED AFTER 10 YEARS

Smoke alarms do not last forever. If your alarms are 10 years old or older, they need to be replaced with new alarms.



Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not sound when tested.



Some people, especially children and older adults, may need help to wake up. Make sure someone will wake them if the smoke alarm sounds.



When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.

Maryland's New Smoke Alarm Law requires the replacement of any battery-only smoke alarms with new smoke alarms powered by 10-year, long-life, sealed-in batteries by January 1, 2018.

IMPORTANT: Never remove required hard-wired smoke alarms and replace with any type of battery-only smoke alarms.



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